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### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

van Smirren et al.

Application Serial No.: 09/912,454 ✓

Filed: July 24, 2001

Invention: System and Method for Measuring  
Deep Sea Currents

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Group Art Unit: 2862

Examiner: Toan M. Le

### RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 31, 2002

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

In response to the Office Action mailed October 31, 2002, Applicants submit this response and respectfully request reconsideration of the Examiner's objections and rejections.

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#### Petition for Extension of Time

Applicants petition for a two-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 up to and including March 31, 2003. A fee in the amount of \$410.00 for a two-month extension of time is included.